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Mt. Olive ..... J. T. Burgess, A. Williams
Oak Grove ..... H. R. Faulcon
First Baptist Macon ..... **John Harrison**
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Second Macon ..... R. B. Warwick, W. H. Fitts
Lovely Hill ..... W. S. Hudgin, R. Y. Davis
Enon ..... S. G. Dunston
Mt. Zion ..... N. V. Davis
Rocky Chapel ..... Bonie Harris, J. E. Mitchell
Walnut Grove ..... J. H. Neal, W. L. Long
St. Stephen ..... W. T. Turner
Lettis Hall ..... J. T. Tharrington
South Street ..... E. W. Murphy, W. J. Rouse
Second St. Paul ..... Charlie Richardson, Clay Silver
Pleasant Grove ..... T. C. Williams
New Bethel ..... L. A. Alston

Chapel Hill ..... J. A. Johnston
Bunns Chapel ..... W. D. Evans
Locus Grove ..... J. W. Jones, G. W. Walker
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St. Hope ..... B. C. Pettiford
Little Zion ..... E. G. Davis, C. L. Cheek

FIRST DAY—Morning Session

At Walnut Grove Missionary Baptist Church,
Louisburg, N. C., Franklin County, Sept. 13, 1932

The Fifty-Fourth Annual Session of Reedy Creek Missionary Baptist Association met with the above named Church. Commenced service at 11:30 A. M. The sun was shining bright and clear and there was a calm cool breeze blowing from the South that seemed to make everything look very pleasing. Therefore those who had taken their seats in the Church had quite a pleasant smile on their faces.

The Vice Pres. Rev. G. B. iFtts with a nimble step came forward and requested Rev. S. G. Dunston and J. R. Lee to conduct the devotional service, assisted by Rev. P. H. Carrington.

Dunston lined hymn No. 703 from the Baptist hymn book "Am I A Soldier of the Cross" and etc., Lee read for Scripture Lesson 141 Psalm "Where David prayed that his suit may be accepted to God". Carrington then came forward and envoked the blessing of the Diety. He did not fail to pray for a complete success of the Association and that the spirit of the Lord might be with the entire delegation through this session.

Dunston then lined hymn No. 410 "Once More We Meet To Pray" and etc.

According to the number on the program, it was time for the President's announcements, but he, Rev. J. H. Clanton, being absent the Vice Pres., Rev. G. B. Fitts made some very touching remarks and also gave to the members of the Association helpful instructions at to what are required of them by those who sent them here as messengers. He told them they should do something that their members at home might feel proud of their work in this Association.

The hour for Expressions from the different messengers was now called Pres. Emeritus Rev. N. V. Davis, came with a smile on his face and began his remarks by saying, "I am indeed glad to be in my old home Church once more, where my name is registered on the Church roll and I have had the pleasure of Pastoring so very long." He also said that it is a God sent blessing for this Association to have the opportunity to meet in this part of the moral vineyard of our Master.

He told the Pastors that during these times, so called depression, he is not pressing his members for money, knowing their condition. Then Deacon W. S. Hudgen brought greeting from Love Hill by saying the members of his Church are being led by the Holy Spirit therefore they are getting on nicely in their Church work, with Rev. J. J. Brame as Pastor.

Rev. S. G. Dunston arose and said he was very proud of the opportunity given him by his Church, Enon, of Littleton, to bring greetings to the Association. Rev. Dunston made it very clear that they were making wonderful progress along many lines especially temple and spiritually.

Time had been well spent in hearing the different Brethern speak of the wonderful blessing they were enjoying on their fields and in their home Churches. The Vice President now called for the reading of the Constitution and By Laws of this Association. Then after some discussion of the same a vote was taken which resulted in a revision of the Constitution

A motion prevailed that a Committee would be appointed during this session to revise the Constitution.

The Association took very great pleasure in making the visitors feel at home.

Rev. E. W. Murphy, Rev. C. A. Mason and Bro. Wm. Mason were introduced. They expressed themselves as being happy to be present.

Rev. J. T. Evans asked the Association for a leave of absence as he had some very urgent matters to look after. It was granted. He also paid his annual fee of one dollar.

The time for the Introductory Sermon having arrived, Rev. W. N. Hawkins, Rev. C. A. Mason and Rev. S. G. Dunston ascended the stand. Dunston lined hymn No. 694. Mason read a part of the 14 chapter of Exodus "Where Moses gave instruction to Israelites."

Rev. J. S. Sprewell offered a fervent prayer. Then the selection No. 543 "Amazing Grace How Sweet It sounds" and etc, was sung. Hawkins then arose with his eyes glancing over the congregation first this way and that as much as to say I know what I am going to say. But he made it very plain in his preliminaries that whereas he was called upon to preach an Introductory Sermon he knew and also felt his inability. He selected his text from Exodus, the 14 chapter and the 15 verse. He took for his subject "Go Forward". He endeavored to entreat his hearers to be on the move and not to stand still because we must go over this Jordan. Because there are more required of us than it was of our Forefathers. It makes no difference how wide the Red Sea is nor how high the mountain is. We were told that we must go forward to the mark of high calling which is in Christ Jesus. After which prayer was offered by Rev. E. W. Murphy. A selection was sung then Murphy arose and spoke quite complimentary of the sermon by saying "This man is one of my members and I am indeed proud of him for he is a master of the situation, and therefore, I am glad, I am his Pastor."

Then Deacon F. N. Fogg and Rev. Dunston asked for a silver offering to the amount of $1.50. Prayer by Rev. S. G. Dunston. Recess for one hour.

FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session

The hour for service now being passed the Vice Pres. Fitts requested the following Brethern to conduct the devotion. Rev. J. J. Brame, and Rev. Alex Johnston. Johnston lined hymn No. 626 from Baptist hymn book. Brame read for Scripture Lesson Acts 2:29. After which a sympathetic prayer was offered by Deacon W. S. Hudgen. Again Johnston lined hymn No. 704.

Now according to the number on the program the next in order was the Welcome Addresses, by the Pastor, Supt. of the Sunday School, and the President of the Home Mission Circle. They, by their words, seasoned with grace and eloquence made the whole assembly feel that we were among some of the best high toned Christian people belonging to our Association. They also had us to understand that we were welcome to all of the comfort this Church and Community could give.

The response to the Welcome addresses was rendered by Rev. L. J. Alexander of Wise, N. C., and Rev. G. G. Edmonds of Weldon, N. C. Rev. Alexander said in part "We accept every word from these speakers just as given: therefore let us stick together". Rev. Edmonds said in part "We hope and pray that our stay among these good people will become a wonderful blessing and not a curse to this Community."

This part of the work being completed the Association then appointed a Committee of five (5) to revise the Constitution. Their names reads as follows: L. J. Alexander, E. W. Murphy, J. E. McGrier, N. V. Davis, and W. N. Hawkins. The Vice President now turned the meeting over to Rev. Sprewell, the Pastor of the Church in order that he might take the delegation in charge and that all present be provided with homes for this session.

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. G. Strickland of Louisburg, N. C., Benediction by the President.

FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session

At 8:00 p. m. every pew in the Church seemed to be occupied with someone ready to hear and see the good work of this Association. In the meantime the Vice-President asked Rev. C. A. Mason, Rev. P. H. Carrington and Rev. Alex Johnston to conduct the devotional. Mason sang hymn No. 562 "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone" etc. Carrington read for Lesson Romans 8th Chapter "In this we find that there is no condemnation to him which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit." Prayer was rendered by Rev. Johnston. Hymn No. 414 was sung "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand" etc.

Then President J. H. Clanton came on the scene full of apology for not being present at the opening of the Association. Rev. Clanton came to the chair and began to thank the Association for the wonderful cooperation that now exists among the members and also begged them to continue to go forward with this good work.

At this hour the Missionary Sermon was called for by the President. Then Rev. G. G. Edmonds and Rev. G. W. Alston came gracefully to the stand and ascended the same, and began to prepare for preaching. Alston lined hymn No. 626 "Oh, for a Closer Walk With God" etc. Rev. McGrier read the First Chapter of Pauls Letter to the Romans. A fervent prayer was offered by Rev. McGrier. Second hymn was sung, No. 801. Then Rev. Edmond came forward and said in his preliminaries, that he wanted the members of the Association to pray for him while trying to preach this sermon for he had no manuscript to read from at all. He was just going to preach off handed. Text taken from Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ". He had his hearers to feel that there was no need for anyone to be ashamed to be a follower of Christ, for He is the only one to follow in this life, that is if we want Him to own us in life to come. All present did seem to enjoy the entrie sermon from beginning to end. Then Rev. Welly King offered prayer. After which the President called Deacons Emanuel Davis and W. G. Hudgens to the table to ask the congregation for a silver offering. The amount of ($2.00) two dollars was raised.

Benediction by Rev. McGrier.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session

A real enjoyable devotion was carried out for 30 minutes by Rev. Alex Johnston, Rev. S. B. Batchelor and Rev. C. A. Mason. Johnston lined No. 304. Batchelor read for Lesson Romans the 12 chapter "Where we are asked to present our bodies a living sacrifice unto God" etc. Mason then offered a sincere prayer. Then sang No. 602. After which the President came to the chair and thanked the Brethern for rendering such spirited devotion. Then he made some remarks along the lines of more love and union is needed among us. After which he declared the meeting opened and is now ready for such business as appears on the program. The Proceedings of the previous meeting were read and approved, with some corrections. The Committee on Officers and a Committee on Finance and Letters were appointed (See Committees on another page) It was the pleasure of the Association to have Rev. K. S. Allen and Mrs. Rebecca Avent introduced. They both spoke in pleasing terms of how proud they were to meet this assembly of Christian people.

After this had been completed, President Clanton arose and address the Chair, and commenced to give his Annual Address to the Association. It was listened to with the utmost care by all concerned. According to the program Bro. Oscar Williams responded with words befitting the occasion.

He said "we are young, but all we do want is a chance to prove ourselves worthy of the vocation where we are called.

Rev. E. W. Murphy came forward with his silver tongue and flowery English, spoke in complimentary way of the very splendid annual address rendered by the President. (See the Annual Address on another page).

The Treasurer and Secretary of this Association came to the desk and made their report. (See reports) After which a motion prevailed to first receive the Annual Address of the President and 2nd to receive the reports of the Treasurer and Secretary, then after some discussion they were approved.

The hour for the Temperance Sermon was now at hand, Rev. McGrier being absent, the duty befell Rev. G. B .Fitts and Rev. E. W. Murphy. Several numbers of very splendid music were rendered by Rev. Murphy before Fitts took his subject. However after looking over the building for a few minutes and seemingly getting himself together he selected his text from Jeremiah 5:1. He said, "seek the truth and find it, for we need an Apostle. Paul, and Peter, that will stand for morality ,temperance and the truth."

After the Temperance Sermon splendid music was rendered by the members of the Association, led by Rev. Murphy. Then Rev. Murphy invoked the blessing of the Diety upon each and every one that heard the Temperance Sermon. He asked that all would try to be moral, religious, temperant, and truthful.

The President then asked Rev. Alexander and Rev. Zollicoffer to raise an offering. They both came to the desk with smiles on their faces and soon by their sweet words got the whole Association smiling, and there was placed on the table $6.03, for which they thanked the Congregation. It now being time to close the President asked Rev. Thomas Alston to give the Benediction.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session

The time arose to begin the afternoon service the President designated the following Brethern to conduct the devotions: Rv. Thomas Alston, Rev. K. S. Allen and Rev. H. H. Alston. Rev. Allen sung "O How I Love Jesus etc." Then he read for Scripture Lesson the third chapter of James "that tells us about putting a bit in a horse's mouths: also tells us to bridle the whole body." Prayer was then offered by Rev. H. H. Alston. The next No. of hymn 299 "Come Holy Spirit, etc."

The President then called for the reading of the Minutes of the previous meetings. They were read and approved. The next number on the program was the discussion of the subject: "To What extent should this Association foster home and foreign missions." Owing to the lateness of the hour the two first speakers, Rev. Alexander and Prof. Warwick declined to speak and gage their time to Mrs. Cora Pair Thomas, a returned Missionary from Africa. With graceful and expressive action, a cultivated taste and good judgment, she came before the Association and held her listeners spellbound for thirty minutes or more. She made our hearts feel quite sad and also full of sympathy for our people in the far distant land of Africa; when she told of their suffering for the Gospel of Christ, and how they carry such heavy burdens and how the women carry their little babies on their backs, while they do their work. And they are still bowing down to wood and stone thinking that is right.

She endeavored to leave this motto with the Association: "Set your affections on things above and not on things below."

At this time there was setting in our midst our distinguished speaker in the person of Dr. Wm. S. Nelson, President of Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C. The Moderator Rev. Clanton arose and said, "I am proud of the idea that we are favored with the presence of Dr. Nelson. The President Rev Clanton then asked Rev. McGrier to introduce the speaker of the hour of

which he took his own good time in using his english vocabulary in presenting him to the Association.

Dr. Nelson arose with his countenence beaming with intelligence, with words at his own command. He certainly gave to the Reedy Creek Association and all who heard him new inspiration for Shaw University ,and let it be known very clearly that we are still under a very great responsibility for the success of Shaw from every angle. A goodly number of the members respnoded by saying the words were timely and pointed.

After the address of Dr. Nelson a motion prevailed that we donate to Mrs. Cora P. Thomas the sum of five ($5.00) Dollars for Foreign Missions.

Then two young ministers from Raleigh were introduced to the Association in the persons of Bros. E. L. Broddie and H. L. Mitchell of Shaw University. The President then called upon Dr. J. B. Davis of Louisburg, N. C. to lift an offering for Shaw of which he took very great pride in doing, the amount of Five ($5.01) Dollars and one cent was raised. Then Rev. E. L. Broddie announced the Benediction.

SECOND DAY—Evening Session

7:30 p. m. the delegation from the various churches and a goodly number of people from the Community began to take seats in the Church, all looking very cheerful. Then came the President with a request that Rev. E. L. Broddie, Rev. McGrier, and Rev. W. M. King conduct the devotional service. McGrier sung "O How I Love Jesus,etc.". Then read 12 verses of the 90 Psalms. Prayer was rendered by Rev. King. McGrier sung "There is not a friend like the Lonely Jesus, etc.". After which the President came to his chair and thanked the Bros. for their service, and announced the meeting opened and ready for business.

A motion prevailed that the following Committees be appointed, on Education, on Sunday Schools, Temperance and Ordination. (See Committee)

The Doctrinal Sermon being next in order Revs. J. J. Brame, L. J. Alevander and M. N. Zollicoffer took seats on the rostrum. Zollicoffer lined hymn No. 626 "O For a Closer Walk With God etc.". Alexander read 24 verses of 22 Chapter of Genesis. Prayer was then offered by Rev. Zollicoffer. Song "Swing Low Sweet Chariot, etc" was sung. The President then introduced the speaker of the hour ,in the person of Rev. J. J. Brame. He is very small in statue but heavy in voice, arose with a swing of his body and also very graceful, announced his text from St. John 2:5. He read as follows "Keep the order of the King". The words of his text read like this, "Whatever he saith unto you you do it". He made it very plain to the people that the Master wants us to do whatever is told us to do. It was quite an enjoyable sermon. After which Rev. H. H. Alston offered a fervent prayer. Then the President asked Rev. Boddie to lift an offering for the Association. The amount of two dollars was raised.

Benediction by Rev. Dunston.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session

9:30 a. m. At this hour the President called Rev. P. S. Carrington, Rev. F. D. Boddie and Rev. S. G. Dunston to the rostrum for the purpose of conducting the devotion, which they did with dignity. Dunston lined hymn No. 410. Boddie read for Scripture Lesson the 116 Psalm. Prayer was offered by Carrington. Then No. 832 was sung, "Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior, etc.". The President arose and made some very helpful suggestions to the Association. He pointed out that there must be more interest manifested in our work, especially along the line of getting more of our Churches to represent in their Association. After completing his remarks, a motion prevailed that all of the Auxiliaries of the various Churches can if they so desire represent in this Association. Then the minutes of the afternoon and

evening sessions were read and approved. Then the Committee on Nomination of Officers made their report. They recommended that all of the Officers succeed themselves. (See reports) The Auditor made his report. (See reports) The following Brethern were introduced to the Association: Bros. J. C. Cook and Isom Johnston. They spoke of being delighted to be in our midst. They said that they had been made to feel at home. Then two ladies were introduced in the persons of Mrs. Martha Jarbora and Mrs. Drucilla Harris. They both gave some encouraging remarks along the lines of the uplift of the Community. The Committee on Ordination made their report (See reports) Committee on Sunday Schools reported (See reports). Committee on the President's Address reported. (See reports) A motion prevailed that the Executive Board members expenses be paid to and from the place of sitting, plus one dollar. Then the Committee on Temperance reported (See reports), Committee on Obituaries reported. (See reports) A motion prevailed that Rev. Gilcrist be requested to meet the first setting of the Executive Board for ordination. The Committee on the revision of the Contsitution was requested to complete their work in full by the next sitting of this Association.

The Ordaining Council being in session for quite a while endeavoring to make a thorough examination as to the qualification of Rev. Gilcrist's knowledge of the Bible. Finding that he came up to their requirements they recommended him for Ordination. A motion prevailed that Bro. Dunston be ordained at this sitting of the Association. By common consent the following Brethern were asked to officiate in the service: Revs. F. D. Boddie, G. W. Alston and L. J. Alexander. After seating Rev. Dunston in the proper place where he could see and hear clearly what must be said and done to him, Boddie, Alston and Alexander ascended the stand. Boddie lined hymn No. 800 "Go Preach My Gospel etc". Prayer was offered by Alston, then then sang "Christ is All the World to Me, etc." Then the President took very great pleasure in introducing Rev. L. J. Alexander. In his remarks he stressed the idea that this is quite serious point that we have come to in our deliberations. After this saying, Rev. Alexander came forward and announced his text from Timothy 2:3. His subject "Endure Hardship". His sermon throughout was full of good advice. Rev. N. V. Davis led in a prayer that seemed to touch every heart in the building. Music "I Have Started in Jesus and I am Going Through" was sung. The charge to Bro. Dunston was given by Rev. Murphy. The Bible was presented to him by Rev. Zollicoffer. Then the young people rendered a very nice program. It was short and spicy. Then Sister Winston made some gentle remarks stating reasons why the program was not a long one. Rev. W. D. Evans commented on the work of the young people. He spoke encouragingly. By common consent the President ordered the Executive Board to meet with the 2nd Macon Church Tuesday after the 3rd Sunday in October, 1932, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Committee on place reported (See reports) Committee on Resolutions reported. (See reports) Committee on Disbursments reported. (See reports) Closing song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Prayer by Rev. M. N. Zollicoffer. Benediction by Rev. E. W. Murphy. Amen.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Macon, N. C., Oct. 18th, 1932

According to previous announcement the members of the Executive Board met in 2nd. Baptist Macon. The following brethern were asked by the President to conduct the devotional: Revs. G. A. Gilcrist, S. G. Dunston and J. S. Sprewell. Gilcrest lined hymn No. 516 "My God the Spring of All My Joys, etc." Dunston read a portion of the 3rd. chapter of the Acts. After which prayer was offered by Sprewell. Second selection No. 543 "Amazing

Grace How Sweet The Sound, etc." was sung. Then Rev. J. H. Clanton came to the chair and told the members of the Board, that we as Ministers of the Gospel must have lofty ideas in order to get other people lifted up to the proper standard. He then announced the meeting duly open and ready for business. The Pastor Rev. G. B. Fitts then made the audience all feel welcome by saying "This is your Church today, be at home." After which the proceedings of the last session was read and approved. The Messengers from the various Association made their reports: Neuse River, Union, Shiloh and Bethany. Their reports were received and approved.

Then the Messengers from the State Convention made their report. (See reports) A motion prevailed that the next sitting of this Association convene with the Lovely Hill Baptist Church, Tuesday after the second Sunday in Sept., 1933. Recess 30 minutes for lunch. After which the members reassembled. Devotion was conducted by Rev. W. C. Mingia and Rev. J. W. Green. Lined hlmn No. 543. Read the first Psalm. Then the President announced the meeting open and ready for business. Rev Fitts stated that there was in our midst Sister Ella Warwick. A faithful woman but her eye sight had failed. And he thought this an opportune time to show our appreciation, therefore, he was allowed to raise Five ($5.00) Dollars for her.

The following Ministers were named to carry greetings to the different Associations: Bethany, Rev. L. J. Alexander; Neuse River, Rev. J. J. Brame; Union, J. W. Green; Shiloh, Rev. G. B. Fitts; Shiloh, Rev. G. G. Edmonds; To State Convention, Rev. J. E .McGrier.

Names of Ministers to preach the various sermons at the next meeting of the Association: Introductory, Rev. N. V. Davis and S. G. Dunston; Temperance, M. N. Zollicoffer and E. W. Murphy; Missionary, H. H. Alston and James Chavis; Doctrinal, Rev. J. H. Clanton, Wiley King.

A motion prevailed that we print 1000 Minutes. Ladies present: Mrs. Simon Pugh, Mrs. H. H. Alston, Mrs. Alice Johnston, Mrs. J. W. Jones and Miss Lucille Watson, they were introduced. According to previous announcement, the Ordaining Council took Rev. G. A. Gilcrist before them for an examination to ascertain his ability to preach. After completing their work along the line of questions. They reported that he be Ordained for the Gospel Ministry. Therefore, the Board recommended to his Church for Ordination, the same being Little Roanoke Baptist Church.

The Executive Board having completed its work it closed with Benediction by Rev. M. N. Zollicoffer.

MODERATOR'S ADDRESS FOR 1932

Brother Ministers, Deacons, Messengers, Visitors and friends of the Reedy Creek Missionary Baptist Association.

Our Heavenly Father has been gracious to us since we last met at Shiloh Baptist Church, Arcola, N. C. We as individuals and as an Association have much for which to be thankful.

Since we last met many and varied have been our experiences to regret or enjoy. Despite aseeming fellowship among us, to our sorrow and sad regret there has been a great deal of stone throwing and hiding of hands. I believe from my soul that there is a growing tendency toward office seeking and monopoly of authority to our own selfish end and sometimes found in many of our religious organizations to the destruction of themselves, to their fellowmen, to the youth of our organization and even to the destruction of the progress of the cause for which Jesus gave His life.

In many of our so called religious organizations politics have almost crowded Jesus out even of our church life. At times it seems that the evils are cutting an underground passage way through the heart of our religious fiber. But we console ourselves by reading the spirit of the Author who says "Fret not thy self of evil doers neither be thou envious toward the workers of iniquities for in due season they shall soon be cut down and wither as the

grass. I do not, however, mean to make you feel gloomy or faint hearted, for the Poet speaks out of his gloom and sorrow with a courageous spirit and says: Be still sad hearts and cease repining, behind the cloud the Sun is still shining, Thy fate is the common fate of all, Into each life some rain must fall, And some day must be dark and dreary. And when I think of the poet's message, I too, rebuke my drooped spirit that is sometimes crushed by the weight of evil then, the words of David who, when he was discouraged because of the wrong doing of his people and their short sightedness for future development began to count the blessings one by one and thought how God has guided him from the time of the visit of the Prophet to the point where he said "I have been young and now I am old, but I have never seen the Righteous forsaken nor his Seed Begging Bread." From this He seemed to have caught a new vision. His Soul caught on fire and he began to rebuke his soul by saying: "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? Why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God for we shall yet praise him."

We thank God for those who can rise up at a time like this and rebuke evil and cling to the end. God has always tried and tested His children. Not that He wanted to know, but He has tested His believers in order that they may know just how they stood. This was true of Moses, true of Joshua, Abraham, Daniel, Paul in jail, and even His Son as a man. And according to the signs of the times I believe that this is the first time in the History of the 20th century Christian church that God has given us as a whole an opportunity to be tested of our faith.

I am convinced that any Church, Association, Convention, as well as individuals who holds his or its own is considered gold that has been tried in the fire. Among our joys have been seen the fact that this Association has those in its bounds who have faith in God and believe that God is able to help them. One thing that has grieved my heart much about some of our Associations, Unions, and other forms of religious organizations is the fact that when we meet in the name of the Lord to do Christian work for Him through Missions and education by asking our Churches to send money for these particular objects and to help prepare our pulpits, to lead our people aright, we then make big speeches on Missions, Helping our own Baptist college, Shaw University, and secondary Education, but when it comes to actual figures as to what we really do for these objects according to what the churches send up we have woefully failed.

What are some of the causes? My church sent up last year $13.50. The Association Paid to Moderator $10.00. There was $3.50 left to go for Shaw, Missions, Education, Minutes and other expenses. What was true of mine was, and is, true of many others and sometimes even worse because some ministers received more out of the Association than their church put in. And at this rate the Association can never hope to live.

If you do not believe what I am saying is true you turn to page 20 in our own minutes and see for yourself. Any church Association that only does enough to just run itself is not measuring up to what God is looking for, neither will it receive God's blessing that he has in store for us, until we as workers can learn to make some sacrifices rather than come to the Association for the Fishes and loaves.

I have only a few recommendations to offer this year.

1. First I recommend that all expenditures be cut in half.
2. That members of the Board be paid only two ($2.00) Dollars each.
3. That we carry out the Recommendation made at last sitting of the Association.

I beg to remain, yours for the Master's Cause.

J. H. CLANTON

Report of Committee on President's Address

We your Committee on the President's Address beg to submit the following: We heartily endorse the recommendations as stated by the President in his Annual Address.

G. W. Alston
E. W. Murphy
C. A. Mason

W. H. Warwick
H. H. Alston
Committee.

Report of Committee on Place of Meeting

We, your Committee on Place of Meeting of this Association for 1933, beg to submit the following. As no applications came to us for the Association, therefore, we were unable to designate a home for the next sitting.

T. C. Williams
W. S. Hudgin

W. L. Long
Committee.

Report of the Auditor

I, your Auditor of the Accounts and books of this Association, beg to report that I have carefully examined the Secretary's and Treasurer's books and found them to be correct.

Respectfully, J. J. Brame, Auditor.

Report of Committee on Nomination of Officers

We, your Committee on Nomination of Officers ask to submit the following: After considering this matter very carefully, we recommend that the Officers of the Reedy Creek Association succeed themselves.

Respectfully Submitted:

W. N. Hudgins
Emanuel Davis
G. G. Edmonds

Alex Johnston
W. S. Hudgins

Report of the Ordaining Council

We, your Ordaining Council beg to submit the following: We have given Bro. S. G. Dunston a thorough examination and we find him eligible for Ordination.

Respectfully,
Ordaining Council

Report of the Committee on Obituaries

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg to submit our report as follows: We find that the Monster death has removed from our midst the following members: Rev. C. E. Chase, Deacon James Cole, of New Bethel; Rev. A. Burgess, Rev. J. H. Perry, and Bro. John Lee, Deacon of Mt. Olive, but we are to remember God does all things well so we bow in humble submission to His will.

Submitted Committee:

J. J. Brame
G. G. Edmonds
N. V. Davis,

J. A. Johnston
P. H. Carrington
Pompy Williams

Report of Committee on Temperance

We, the Committee on Temperance, beg to submit our report: Whereas, we see the need for a more efficient Christian community and knowing that strong drink is detrimental to any people. Therefore, be it resolved that we do everything in our power to prevent intemperance at home and abroad.

Respectfully

F. D. Boddie
G. W. Alston
J. A. Johnston

L. A. Alston
P. H .Carrington
J. T. Tharrington, Com.

Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools

We, your Commitee on Sunday Schools desire to report the following: Since it is a well known fact that the Sunday School is the Church at work and since the life and success of the church depends largely upon the service that the Sunday Schools render, Therefore we see the demand for an intelligent and Christian leadership. And since the future church and all of its organizations are so completely relying upon the efficient training of the boys and girls. We also recommend that we the members of the Association make it our duty to be present at Sunday School every Sunday. We again ask the Pastors to see to it that their Deacons and all of the young people attend and study the word of God, and all try to keep themselves unspotted from the world.

Committee

W. L. Long
Chas. Richardson
W. T. Turner
J. G. Strickland
B. E. Pettiford

Report of Committee on Resolutions

We ,your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following: Resolve, first that seeing the necessity of putting more interest in the Associational work, we, therefore, urge that the Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U. and Missionary Circles be given a place on our programs in order that they may represent their work.

Resolve, second, that whereas the good people of Walnut Grove Church and Community have so unstintedly given their hospitality for the comfort of this delegation, we therefore, pray God's blessing on them and also give them a rising vote of thanks.

L. J. Alexander
J. A. Johnston
G. A. Gilcrist
G. B. Fitts
C. A. Mason
Commitee

Report of Committee on Finance and Letters

We, your Committee on Finance and Letters beg to submit the following report: We feel that we have discharged a faithful duty.

Number of Churches represented	20
Number of Members	2187
Amount Paid for the Association	$ 75.30
Amount for Foreign Missions	1.00
Amount for Education	1.00
Total Receipts	$77.30

Respectfully Committee:

W. J. Rouse
Pompy Williams
R. B. Warwick
J. Waverly Jones

Churches That Represented in 1932 With Total Membership and Money Paid

Name of Church	No. of Members	Amount Paid
1st. Baptist Macon	32	$ 1.60
2nd. Baptist Macon	37	1.95
Union	150	3.00
New Bethel	50	2.50
Ashley Grove	146	4.00
Oak Grove	193	2.00
South Street	150	7.50
Locus Grove	270	$9.65
Little Zion	100	5.00
First St. Stephen	98	4.90
Lovely Hill	364	17.20
Mt. Olive	80	5.00

Walnut Grove	211	5.00
Chapel Hill	75	3.80
Pleasant Grove	45	2.25
Social Union	165	2.80
Petilliars Chapel	20	1.00
St. Hope	103	2.80
Rocky Chapel	100	5.00
Schocker Chapel	50	5.00
Lettis Hall	36	1.80
St. Luke		3.00
Total		$96.75

Report of Committee on Disbursements

Amount Paid Out at the Association

Distribution of Minutes	4.55
Traveling Expenses	1.50
Postage on Programs	.24
Amount Due On Minutes	15.00
	$21.29
President J. H. Clanton	5.00
Vice President G. B. Fitts	4.50
H. L. Watson	5.00
J. E. McGrier	2.50
M. N. Zollicoffer	2.50
Shaw University	20.00
J. J. Brame	3.00
W. N. Hawkins	2.00
G. G. Edmond	2.00
J. W. Jones	2.00
L. J. Alexander	2.00
Mrs. Cora P. Thomas	5.00
N. V. Davis	3.00
Sexton of Church	1.00
Total	$59.50

Disbursements At Board Meeting

N. V. Davis	3.20
G. G. Edmonds	3.20
G. W. Alston	1.50
G. B. Fitts	1.00
J. H. Clanton	2.00
M. N. Zollicoffer	2.34
H. H. Alston	2.50
L. J. Alexander	1.80
J. S. Sprewell	2.00
J. W. Jones	2.00
H. L. Watson	2.00
J. E. McGrier	2.00
Church	2.00
Total	$27.54

Summary of the Financial Report For the Year Ending 1932

Balance brought forward from 1931	$29.29
Amount raised by Contribution	16.54
Amount raised from representation	96.75

Total Amount of receipts	$142.52
Disbursements	
Compiling Minutes for 1931	$ 15.00
Expenditures at Association	80.79
Expenditures at Board	27.54
Total Disbursements	$123.33
Balance on hand	$ 19.19

Time and Place of Meetings

Organized at Oak Grove Church, Halifax County, Sept. 1878.

1.	Sitting Oak Grove Church	1878
2.	Sitting Unknown	1879
3.	Sitting Unknown	1880
4	Sitting Unknown	1881
5.	Sitting Unknown	1882
6.	Sitting Unknown	1883
7.	Sitting Unknown	1884
8.	Sitting Unknown	1885
9.	Sitting Unknown	1886
10.	Sitting Unknown	1887
11.	Sitting Unknown	1888
12.	Sitting Unknown	1889
13.	Sitting Unknown	1890
14.	Sitting Unknown	1891
15.	Union Hill, Nash Co., Sept. 20, 21, 22	1892
16.	Sitting Unknown	1893
17.	Sitting Unknown	1894
18.	Sitting Unknown	1895
19.	Sitting Unknown	1896
20.	Sitting Unknown	1897
21.	Sitting Unknown	1898
22.	Sitting Unknown	1899
23.	Sitting Unknown	1900
24.	Union Hill, Nash Co., Sept. 14, 15, 16	1901
25.	Oak Grove, Halifax Co., Sept. 15, 16, 17	1902
26.	1st. St. Stephen, Warren Co., Sept. 13, 14, 15	1903
27.	Rocky Chapel, Franklin Co., Sept. 19, 20, 21	1904
28.	Gaston, Northampton Co., Sept. 18, 19, 20	1905
29.	Social Union, Nash Co., Sept. 16, 17, 18	1906
30.	2nd. St. Stephen, Nash Co., Sept. 14, 15, 16	1907
31.	Lovely Hill, Warren Co., Sept. 14, 15, 16	1908
32.	Springfield, Halifax Co., Sept. 13, 14, 15	1909
33.	Locust Grove, Warren Co., Sept. 12, 13, 14	1910
34.	Cool Spring, Northampton Co., Sept. 10, 11, 12	1911
35.	Walnut Grove, Franklin Co., Sept. 16, 17, 18	1912
36.	New Bethel, Warren Co., Sept. 15, 16, 17	1913
37.	Pine Chapel, Halifax Co., Sept. 14, 15, 16	1914
38.	Oak Grove, Halifax Co., Sept. 12, 13, 14	1915
39.	Olive Grove, Warren Co., Sept. 11, 12, 13	1916
40.	2nd. St. Stephen, Nash Co., Sept. 12, 13, 14	1917
41.	Union Hill, Nash Co., Sept. 16, 17, 18	1918
42.	Mt. Zion, Warren Co., Sept. 16, 17, 18	1919
43.	Mt. Olive, Halifax Co., Sept. 16, 17, 18	1920
44.	William's Chapel, Wilson Co., Sept. 13, 14, 15	1921
45.	Springfield, Halifax Co., Sept. 13, 14, 15	1922
46.	Locust Grove, Warren Co., Sept. 16, 17, 18	1923

47. St. Hope, Nash Co., Sept. 15, 16, 17 1924
48. Oak Grove, Halifax Co., Sept. 14, 15, 16 1925
49. Little Zion, Warren Co., Sept. 13, 14, 15 1926
50. Ashley Grove, Warren Co., Sept. 11, 12, 13 1928
51. Pine Chapel, Halifax Co., Sept. 13, 14, 15 1929
52. Pleasant Zion, Warren Co., Sept. 15, 16, 17 1930
53. Shiloh, Warren Co., Sept. 15, 16, 17 1931
54. Walnut Grove, Franklin Co., Sept. 13, 14, 15 1932

CONSTITUTION

Article1. This Association shall be known as the Reedy Creek Missionary Baptist Association of the State of North Carolina.

Art. 2 This Association shall be composed of Ministers and Messengers from regular Baptist Churches in good standing, and in full practice of the doctrine and faith, discipline and ordinance of God, and reception of the same into this body shall be by the unanimous consent of the body.

Art. 3 The object of this Association shall be fraternal intercourse and advisory council to foster and support the cause of Christ and His Churches, Sabbath Schools, Home and Foreign Mission Work, the Reedy Creek Institute of Littleton, N. C., and to advance the cause of religious

Art. 4 The Officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Statistical Secretary, education in every possible way.
Treasurer, Auditor and Executive Board of nine members who shall discharge the duties of Executive Boards of similar organizations and who shall be Ordaining Council subject to call of the Moderator of the Association with the Recording Secretary of the Board. The manner of electing them being left to the discretion of the Association.

Art. 5. The management of the Reedy Creek Institute shall be in the hands of the Board of Trustees consisting of seven (7) members, five (5) of whom shall be a quorum.

Art. 6. Each Church representing in this Association shall be entitled to not more than two messengers, and the terms of representation be five (5) cents per capita on each member carried on the books.

Art. 7 Any Minister or Ministers who shall be known to interfere with another Minister's Church; he or they, thereby causing a disturbance between the members and Pastor of said Church, shall be dealt with by the Association as it thinks proper.

Art. 8. Any Church or member of this Association becoming corrupt in practice or doctrine and after general steps shall have been taken to re-claim her and she shall persist in the same course then she shall no longer be a member of this Association.

Art. 9. This Association shall have power to inquire why Churches do not represent from time to time.

Art. 10 This Association shall ordain no person to preach the Gospel who does not possess the qualifications laid down in the Scripture, St. Paul, and cannot read understandingly and write legally. All Churches of this Associations are required to adopt the same rule in licensing applicants.

Art. 11. This Association shall furnish the churches with minutes of the Association.

Art. 12 It shall be the duties of all Ministers, Deacons and Church Officers belonging to this Association to maintain and defend the Constitution of the same.

Art. 13. No Committee shall be in session during the active session of the Association without permission from Association.

Art. 14. The Association shall meet on Tuesday after the second Lord's Day in September of each year.

Art. 15. The Constitution is subject to change by a two-third vote of the Association.

BY-LAWS

Art. 1. Each sitting of this Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 2. A person desiring to speak on any subject shall arise and address the Moderator with the words Brother Moderator. No more than one person shall be allowed to speak at the same time.

Art. 3. The person speaking shall strictly adhere to the subject and shall in no case reflect on any Brother who has spoken before them.

Art. 4. The person speaking shall not be interrupted unless he is out of order.

Art. 5. No. Brother shall absent himself from the Association without first obtaining permission.

Art. 6. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission from the Association.

Art. 7. There shall be no talking while a Brother is on the floor talking.

Art. 8. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member unless he violates the rules of order.

Art. 9. The Association shall adopt the National Baptist Guide in parlimentary matters.

STATISTICAL TABL

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	PASTORS and POST OFFICE	CLERKS and POST OFFICE	DELEGATES
Ashley Grove	Warren	N V Davis, Weldon	J R Sledge, Vaughan	Alex Johnston
Bunns Chapel	Franklin	W D Evans, Wake Forest	H E Satchwhite, Bunn	W D Evans
Chapel Hill	Warren	J A Johnston, Macon	J H Burnett, Norlina	J A Johnston
Chocky Chapel	Warren	W M King, Macon	George Aycock, Inez	W M King
Enon	Warren	E A Taylor, Scotland Neck	D A Manly, Littleton	S G Duston
Little Zion	Warren	J E McGrier, Warrenton	C L Cheek, Macon	E G Davis, C L Cheek
Lettis Hall	Franklin	Willie Battle, Rocky Mount	Christena Neal, Spring Hope	J T Tharrington
Lovely Hill	Warren	J J Brame, Littleton	R Y Davis, Macon	W S Hudgin, R Y Davis
Locus Grove	Warren	J H Clanton, Raleigh	L F Jones, Norlina	J W Jones, G W Walker
First Macon	Warren	John Harrison, Macon	Mrs E E Watson, Macon	John Harrison
Second Macon	Warren	G B Fitts, Macon	Mrs Ida Fitts, Macon	P B Warwich, W H Fitts
Mt. Zion	Warren	N V Davis, Weldon	J T Moore, Macon	N V Davis
Mt. Olive	Halifax	J S Spruill, Mt View	S T Burgess, Littleton	S T Burgess, Williams
New Bethel	Warren	S B Clanton, Vaughan	L A Alston, Macon	L A Alston
Oak Grove	Halifax	G G Edmonds, Weldon	J B Eaton, Littleton	H R Faulkon
Pleasant Grove	Warren	J J Brame, Littleton	T C Williams, Norlina	T C Williams
2nd St. Paul	Warren	V Richardson, Nashville	Clecy Sylver, Grove Hill	C Richardson, C Sylver
Rocky Chapel	Franklin	A Bell Weldon	A L Neal, Spring Hope	R Harris, J E Mitchell
South Street	Halifax	E W Murphy, Louisburg	Mrs Rozella Rouse, Littleton	W J Rouse, E W Murphy
Social Union	Nash	H Y Cheek, Henderson	E S Darcy, Nashville	S L Battle, Z T West
1st St Stephen		A Bell, Weldon	O K Williams, Inez	W T Turner
St Hope	Nash	J H Chavis, Louisburg	B C Pettiford, Spring Hope	B C Pettiford
Springfield	Halifax	S Pittman, Rocky Mount	Plummer Perkins, Enfield	G G Edmonds
Walnut Grove	Franklin	J S Spruill, Mt View	D L Moore, Louisburg	J H Neal, W L Long

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